

IN THE CLAIMS

All pending claims are reproduced below. Applicants propose to amend claim 30.

1. (previously amended) A computer implemented method, comprising:
  - 2 accepting a posting on a website of a project that a buyer wants completed;
  - 3 receiving a bid on the project from any seller, where individual sellers are not  
4 prescreened before they can bid;
  - 5 allowing the buyer to accept the received bid from the seller; and
  - 6 allowing the buyer and the seller to work on the project in a collaborative workspace
  - 7 accessible by only the buyer and the seller, where the seller develops and delivers the project in
  - 8 the collaborative workspace and the buyer can track the project in the collaborative workspace
  - 9 before it is complete.
- 1 2. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a  
2 project name.
- 1 3. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a  
2 project description.
- 1 4. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a  
2 category.
- 1 5. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a  
2 price estimate.

1 6. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the bid is received in a  
2 closed auction.

1 7. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the bid is received in an  
2 open auction.

1 8. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the bid is received in a  
2 Dutch auction.

1 9. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the collaborative  
2 workspace includes:

3 one or more communication tools;  
4 a file structure;  
5 one or more workbenches; and  
6 one or more project management tools.

1 10. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 9, wherein the file structure includes  
2 at least one private folder.

1 11. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 9, wherein the file structure includes  
2 at least one shared folder.

1 12. (previously amended) A computer implemented method, comprising:  
2 accepting on a website, the posting of a service offering by any seller, where individual  
3 sellers are not prescreened before they can post;  
4 receiving requirements for the service offering from a buyer;

5 generating an optimized list of those service offerings that match more of the buyer's  
6 requirements than the rest of the service offerings posted, but not necessarily all  
7 of the buyer's requirements;  
8 returning the optimized list to the buyer; and  
9 accepting a purchase request for the service offering from the buyer.

1 13. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 12, wherein at least one of the  
2 buyer's requirements is inflexible.

1 14. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 12, wherein the optimized list  
2 includes service offerings that meet all of the buyer's requirements.

1 15. (previously amended) The computer implemented method of claim 12, wherein the  
2 optimized list includes service offerings that meet a subset of the buyer's requirements, the  
3 subset being smaller than the buyer's requirements.

1 16. (previously amended) A computer implemented method, comprising:  
2 accepting on a website, the posting of a service offering for a project by any seller, where  
3 individual sellers are not prescreened before they can post;  
4 receiving requirements for the service offering from a buyer;  
5 accepting a purchase request for the service offering from the buyer; and  
6 allowing the buyer and the seller to work on the project in a collaborative workspace  
7 accessible by only the buyer and the seller, where the seller develops and delivers  
8 the project in the collaborative workspace and the buyer can track the project in  
9 the collaborative workspace before it is complete.

1 17. (canceled)

1 18. (previously amended) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services  
2 marketplace by a buyer comprising:  
3       posting a project on a website;  
4       receiving via the website a bid on the project from any seller, where individual sellers are  
5           not prescreened before they can bid;  
6       accepting the bid via the website; and  
7       working on the project with the seller in a collaborative workspace, where the seller  
8           develops and delivers the project in the collaborative workspace and the buyer can  
9           track the project in the collaborative workspace before it is complete.

1 19. (previously amended) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services  
2 marketplace by any seller comprising:  
3       posting a service offering on a website by any seller, where individual sellers are not  
4           prescreened before they can post;  
5       receiving a purchase request for the service offering from a buyer;  
6       accepting the purchase request via the website; and  
7       working on the project with the buyer in a collaborative workspace, where the seller  
8           develops and delivers the project in the collaborative workspace and the buyer can  
9           track the project in the collaborative workspace before it is complete.

1 20. (previously amended) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services  
2 marketplace by any seller comprising:

3 placing a bid by any seller on a project posted by a buyer on a website, where individual  
4 sellers are not prescreened before they can bid;  
5 receiving via the website an acceptance of the bid by the buyer; and  
6 working on the project with the buyer in a collaborative workspace, where the seller  
7 develops and delivers the project in the collaborative workspace and the buyer can  
8 track the project in the collaborative workspace before it is complete.

1 21. (previously amended) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services  
2 marketplace by a buyer comprising:

3 making a purchase request for a service offering for a project, posted by any seller on a  
4 website, where individual sellers are not prescreened before they can post;  
5 receiving via the website an acceptance of the purchase request by the seller; and  
6 working on the project with the seller in a collaborative workspace, where the seller  
7 develops and delivers the project in the collaborative workspace and the buyer can  
8 track the project in the collaborative workspace before it is complete.

1 22. (previously presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 12, wherein the buyer  
2 does not take part in generating the optimized list.

1 23. (previously presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 12, wherein the seller  
2 does not take part in generating the optimized list.

1 24. (previously presented) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein both the  
2 buyer and the seller rate each other.

1 25. (previously presented) The computer implemented method of claim 16, wherein the  
2 collaborative workspace includes:

3 one or more communication tools;  
4 a file structure;  
5 one or more workbenches; and  
6 one or more project management tools.

1 26. (previously presented) The computer implemented method of claim 18, wherein the  
2 collaborative workspace includes:

3 one or more communication tools;  
4 a file structure;  
5 one or more workbenches; and  
6 one or more project management tools.

1 27. (previously presented) The computer implemented method of claim 19, wherein the  
2 collaborative workspace includes:

3 one or more communication tools;  
4 a file structure;  
5 one or more workbenches; and  
6 one or more project management tools.

1 28. (previously presented) The computer implemented method of claim 20, wherein the  
2 collaborative workspace includes:

3 one or more communication tools;  
4 a file structure;  
5 one or more workbenches; and  
6 one or more project management tools.

1 29. (previously presented) The computer implemented method of claim 21, wherein the  
2 collaborative workspace includes:

3 one or more communication tools;  
4 a file structure;  
5 one or more workbenches; and  
6 one or more project management tools.

1 30. (currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 12, further comprising the  
2 seller developing and delivering the service in ~~the~~ a collaborative workspace and the buyer being  
3 capable of tracking the service in the collaborative workspace before it is complete.